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January 9, 1994

Secretary, FCC
1919 M Street NW
Washington, D C 20554

Dear Sir

In reference to the planned
FCC regulatory fees: I am
sorry that I do not have a
docket number for the proposed
rules change but I am
concerned about the proposed
increase in radio license fees
for a ship station license. I
am afraid that the proposed
increase will lead to a
large number of boaters doing
without radios. While organizations

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such as the Coast Guard Auxiliary
and the U.S. Power Squadron
are doing their best to improve
boating safety, a large increase
in radio license fees would
certainly undermine their efforts.

A radio is one of the most
important pieces of safety equipment
on a boat. Please do not raise
the fees for a ship station
license to the point that
boaters will be tempted to
do without.

Sincerely,

Caroline A. Hight

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JANUARY 10, 1994

SECRETARY, F.C.C.
1919 M STREET N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554

RE: PLANNED F.C.C. REGULATORY FEES
ON MARINE V.H.F.

GENTLEMEN:

INCREASING FEES IS DEFEATING THE PURPOSE OF REGULATION.

1. MARINE V.H.F. PROVIDES SAFETY FOR BOATERS.

a. U.S.C.G. IS NO LONGER A RESCUE AGENCY & YOU DON'T
NEED CALL LETTERS TO HAIL A TOW SERVICE.

2. INCREASING FEES DECREASES FEE PAYORS.

a. NO CORRELATION OF PAYORS TO USERS.

b. NO RELIABLE STATISTICS TO TRACK USERS & ALLOCATIONS.

c. THE CITIZEN BAND 'SYNDROME'.

3. REGULATION OF ABUSES.

a. NON-LICENSED USERS VS. ENFORCEMENT.

b. INLAND LAKE USERS VS. 'SYNDROME'.

I SHOULD HOPE YOUR REVIEW WOULD JUSTIFY THE
CONSEQUENCES YOUR ACTIONS MIGHT CAUSE.

SINCERELY



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EDUCATION REPORT - 1993 Lt/C Harry S. "Chip" Pearsall III, AP Squadron Education Officer

The spring session of the Boating Course for 1994 will begin the 2nd week of March. A location has not yet been secured, but we are working to get into the Nash Community College. Instructors please check your upcoming schedules make plans to be available to teach. We will also require the assistance of squadron members as proctors, and graders. Lt/C Lou Rosas is planning on chairing the boating course again this year.

Several attempts have been made to get various courses started for those members who want to advance their skills. We have quite a few doing self-study, but no one seems interested, at this time, in a scheduled class. We are proceeding with plans to have a Piloting class and have three members who are currently planning to attend the class. The class is tentatively planned for once a week on a Tuesday evening, beginning in mid-January. The class would run approximately six nights total. If you wish to join the class, please contact me at (919) 446-9168.

A course for "Novice" Amateur Radio License will be taught at Binswanger Glass Co. at 1900, beginning Monday, 3 January 1994 at 1900. Contact Fred Winner at (919) 446-9145 for information. Cost is about \$25.00.



SECRETARY'S NOTES

We are in the process of updating the squadron roster for 1994. I have reviewed the completed Annual Dues Notice and find that some members did not make any entries on the back side of their form however, this is often overlooked. The information in the roster is taken from the data you furnish us with your dues renewal.

If you missed out on making changes to your personal data and have changes to make to your roster data; please get this information to me no-later-than 17 January 1994. This includes changes to, or additions to the sponsor ads for the roster and the newsletter.

Lt/C Nancy E. Rosas, S

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

It looks like boaters are going to get the double whammy again from our elected officials in Washington. In an article in the November/December 1993 "Lookout", the National Boating Federation newsletter, an article discusses the Congressional Mandated increase in radio license fees. The fee would increase from the present \$35.00 for a five year ship station license, to \$70.00 a year, or \$105.00 for a ten year license. The FCC is planning to release a notice of proposed rule making before the end of the year and is only planning on a 20 day comment period. (Sounds like a ramrod job!) Congress has left it up to the FCC to determine whether they want to increase the fee or leave it as is. The Coast Guard has expressed dissatisfaction with this planned change. It will undoubtedly lead to a lot of boaters getting rid of their radios and we will see an increase in accidents and needless loss of life. Boating safety is being set back again! You can comment on this proposed ruling, but you must do it immediately! If you wish to comment, write at once to the Secretary, FCC, 1919 M Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20554. Normally you should include the docket number for the proposed rules change, but since none was available at the time of the printing of the "Lookout" we cannot give you a docket number. Make sure your letter clearly indicates it refers to planned FCC regulatory fees.

We are planning on sending out individual invitations for the Change of Watch. Included with the invitation will be a RSVP card which you should fill out and return indicating your plans to attend. We do look forward to seeing all of you this coming February. Let us make every effort to fill the room to capacity! I wish thank all the members who have supported me and assisted me during the past year! I am hoping that we get more member participation in education and the social events of the squadron in 1994.

Lt/C Louis J. Rosas, Jr., S

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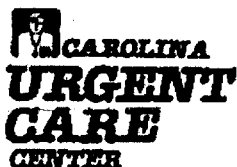
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